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Dear Tukwila resident,

The Department of Agriculture is continuing its efforts on the Citrus Longhorned Beetle project in your neighborhood and we want to bring you up-to-date on our activities. Enclosed is a newsletter highlighting upcoming activities that may affect you.

Most importantly, we want you to know that we are moving towards the next phase of our effort to eradicate the beetle and **we are proposing tree removal and tree injection** within the quarantine area. We are working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to assess and document the environmental effects of these proposed actions.

Your support and cooperation is important. We want you to understand the threat of the beetle, how we are proposing to eradicate it, and how these actions affect you. To give you the best chance to gather information and ask questions we are hosting an Open House.

What: Citrus Longhorned Beetle open house

Date: **Thursday, April 25**Time: **6:00 - 8:00 p.m**

Where: **Showalter Middle School.** 426 S. 144th Street

You will have the opportunity to talk with both state and federal Department of Agriculture staff. Scientists involved in the New York and Chicago Asian Longhorned Beetle eradication programs will be on hand to discuss treatments being used in those cities to stop a similar, equally destructive beetle. Please stop by anytime between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. to learn more.

We look forward to seeing you at the Open House and thank you for your support while we work to save our trees from the Citrus Longhorned Beetle.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please call our toll-free hotline at (800) 443-6684, e-mail us at clhb@agr.wa.gov, or visit our Web site at http://www.wa.gov/CitrusLHBeetle.htm.

Sincerely,

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